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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology
SUBJECT : IDEALIST/TACKLE Mission C-141C

1. IDEALIST/TACKLE Mission C-141C was flown on 26 May 1971 along the Southeast China Coast from a point southwest of the island of Quemoy to a point southeast of Shanghai.

2. Aircraft 053, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] for a mission duration of 4 + 35 hours. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The route was planned primarily for [REDACTED] with photographic coverage secondary. "B" camera coverage of targets of opportunity was programmed. The pilot flew the route as briefed and there were no unusual occurrences, sightings or activities reported. Present indications are that the aircraft, [REDACTED] camera and all systems operated normally.

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3. Weather along the route was forecast to be Category III and IV (4/8 to 7/8 cloud cover). The pilot reported the weather to be Category II and III for the southern two-thirds of the route and IV and V for the northern portion.

4. Current indications are that this was a successful

[REDACTED] mission.

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US Military Aircraft

PATROL AND OBSERVATION AIRCRAFT

O-1 Bird Dog
(L-19, OE-1, 2)

roducer	Cessna
ngines	1, piston
pan	36 ft
ength	26 ft
adius/time	50 nm/
on station	4 hrs
ruise speed	100 kts



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O-1A,B,C, D,E,F,G	1950. Army, Navy, and Air Force observation and light utility aircraft. Also used as forward air control platform to direct aerial and ground fire. Crew: 2.
TO-1A,D,E	1950. Army trainer and observation aircraft. Crew: 2.

O-2

roducer	Cessna
ngines	2, piston
pan	38 ft
ength	30 ft
adius/time	50 nm/
on station	5 hrs
ruise speed	170 kts



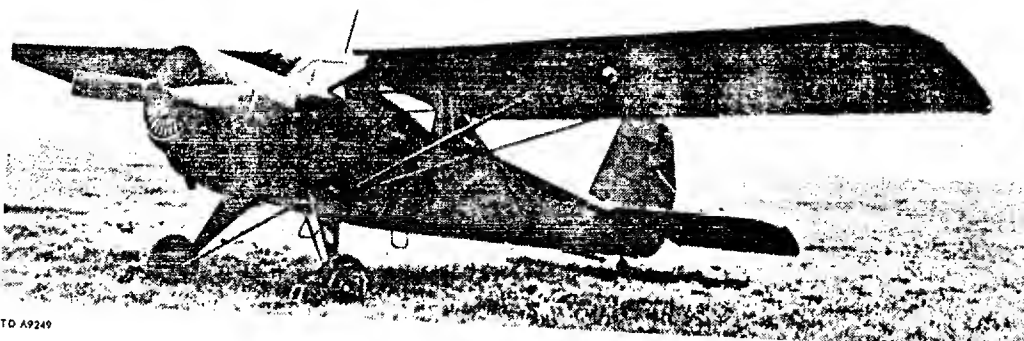
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O-2A	1967. Air Force observation aircraft for forward air control. Crew: 1-2.
O-2B	1967. Air Force observation aircraft equipped for loudspeaking and leaflet dropping in psychological warfare operations. Crew: 1-2.

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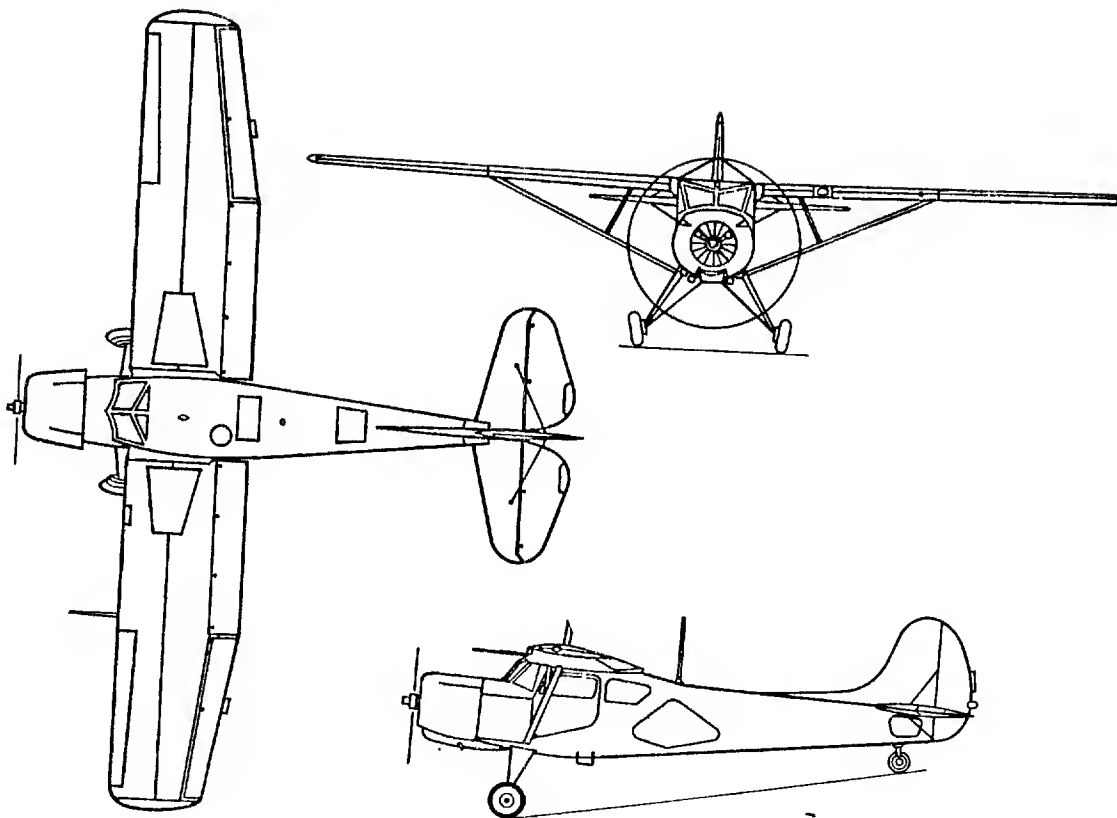
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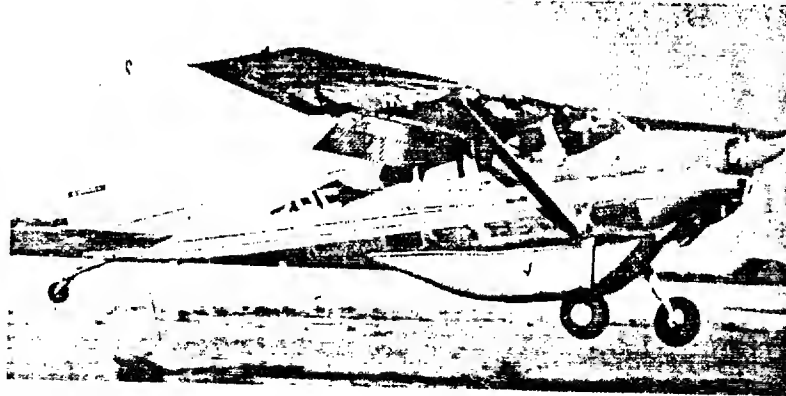
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U-17 "Skywagon"

Producer	Cessna
Engines	1, piston
Span	36 ft
Length	26 ft
Range	800 nm
Cruise speed	140 kts
Troop capacity	5
Cargo capacity	1,200 lbs

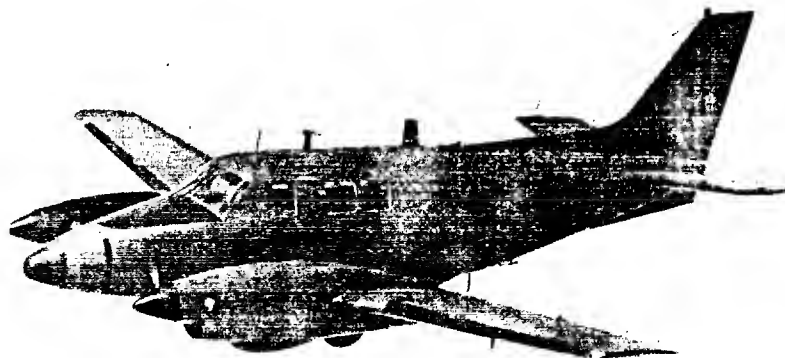


Variants

U-17A,B,C 1965. Air Force trainer, utility transport, and observation aircraft. Crew: 1.

U-21A

Producer	Beech
Engines	2, turboprop
Span	46 ft
Length	36 ft
Range	950 nm
Cruise speed	180 kts
Troop capacity	10
Cargo capacity	2,000 lbs



Remarks

1967. Army STOL utility aircraft. Crew: 2.